

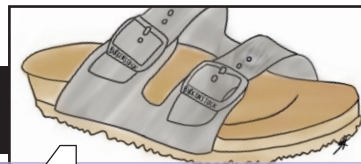
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## K-State issues apology for court storming



K-State students spill onto the court following the Wildcats' second victory in as many years over #8-ranked archival Kansas in Bramlage Coliseum February 23, 2015.

By TATE STEINLAGE  
THE COLLEGIAN

K-State Athletics Director John Currie issued a statement Tuesday morning following controversy stemming from K-State students and fans storming the court after the men's basketball team's 70-63 win over No. 8 Kansas Monday night.

"On behalf of President (Kirk) Schulz and K-State Athletics, I apologize to Athletics Director Sheahon Zenger, Coach Bill Self and the Kansas basketball team for the unfortunate situation in which they were placed last night at the conclusion of our basketball game," Currie said.

As the final seconds ticked

away during the 281st Sunflower Showdown, K-State students and fans began rushing the court. In a matter of seconds, the celebration was carried over near the scorer's table where K-State head coach Bruce Weber and Kansas head coach Bill Self shook hands.

Self appeared to be inadvertently shoved up against the padding of the table by the influx of fans. In response, Weber shielded Self from the crowd and began to shove fans away himself.

"Finally, I said: 'To heck with it,' and started pushing people out of the way, which is sad," Weber said after the game. "You want to enjoy it, but also be respectful of your opponent and make sure they get off the court safely."

In the statement Tuesday, Currie confirmed that the university is also reviewing video of a fan who elbowed Kansas forward Jamari Traylor as he walked toward the tunnel.

K-State Athletics was working with K-State Police, and requested help in identifying the fan.

"We will take appropriate action with such identified persons, including turning over all evidence to law enforcement so that any applicable charges can be filed," Currie said.

ESPN cameras also caught Kansas assistant coach Kurtis Townsend grabbing a K-State fan from behind who was gesturing toward a group of Jayhawk players near the end of the Kansas bench.

The Kansas athletic department has not issued a statement on the individual incident at the time of writing.

Currie said that security personnel were unable to form a barrier between fans and players — a procedure that was successfully executed last season when K-State defeated Kansas — due to being "overwhelmed by the fans rushing the floor."

"Although no one was hurt last night, we fell short of our expectations for securing the court and escorting KU to its locker room without incident," Currie said. "We are disappointed that we did not do better for the KU team."

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"COURT-STORMING"

## Budget talk dominates work session at City Commission Tuesday night

By JENA ERNSTING  
THE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission work session held on Tuesday was spent reviewing and discussing economic development expenditures and policies.

Jason Hilgers, deputy city manager, provided an overview, history and current snapshot of Manhattan city expenditures.

In 2012, the City Commission passed a sales tax initiative where the use of the sales tax would assist two economic development initiatives: traditional company incentives and projects along with infrastructure improvements and property tax relief.

Traditional company incentives and projects are where the city of Manhattan assists in economic development by aiding in the recruitment, retention and the growth of private businesses or other employers. Infrastructure improvements provide economic development by encouraging growth and making the Manhattan community more attractive for business to relocate or expand, along with a broad range of projects to improve quality of life, according to resolution No. 082112-E of the City of Manhattan's policy manual.

Hilgers presented the current forecasted distribution of funds to the commission. The commission has used the economic development fund for other investments such as Downtown Manhattan Inc., Wolf House and the Manhattan Arts Council. The funding for these other investments are discretionary, meaning the funding for them is at the discretion of the commission, but the commission has funded them on an annual basis.

The funding for the other investments, at the current time, has been forecasted into the future budgets.

"We spent a lot of our economic development money on land building assets, and a majority of this is the KSU-IC building that the city owns," Hilgers said, referring to the 10-year period between 2002 and 2012.

The budget forecast looks at committed and uncommitted funds. Committed funds reflect the airport project, North Manhattan (referring to a roadway and park project), K-18 Highway and other projects the commission has budgeted for the future. Uncommitted funds are based off of the funds left over after the committed funds are subtracted from the total revenue projected from 10 years of sales tax.

If any expenditures are left out or added, that is not already forecasted, it could be an increase on resident's property tax Hilgers explained.

"I do think at this point we need to look at some of our roads and bridges," Karen McCulloh, city commissioner, said in reference to the budget forecast and the need to take advantage of low interest rates and low asphalt prices. "The longer you go before you fix things, the more expensive it is, so we have to balance that."

The meeting continued looking at budgetary forecasts and how the infrastructure would be used, what future commissions would be interested in funding and how changes in future budgets would affect property taxes.

When the commission opened the work session to public comments, Manhattan citizen Dennis Mullin, relayed his concern to the commission looking at economic dollars. He cautioned the commission, explaining to them how they do not know when the next economic opportunity will come. He also said as they move forward in spending money, "We can't see the future."

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"BICYCLE RULES"

## Where rubber meets road for Manhattan bicyclists



ALLISON EVANS | THE COLLEGIAN

Those who ride bicycles on campus and around town are responsible for following the rules, both on the street and the sidewalk.

By ABDURAHMAN BASHA  
THE COLLEGIAN

Toward the end of last year, The League of Amer-

ican Bicyclists (the leading national membership organization for cyclists in the U.S.) listed Manhattan as one of three bronze-level bicycle friendly communities across the state of

Kansas in their latest data release.

Nevertheless, local experts and members of the cycling community said they believe that Manhattan may have a few more

milestones to pass before becoming better equipped in handling cyclists on the road.

The K-State campus, in spite of its efforts in bicycle regulation, did not make the cut as a "bicycle-friendly" campus as far as league is concerned. The state of Kansas still remains free of any universities that hold that title.

The bicycle-friendly standard suggests many laws and regulations, one of which is a law that implements increased penalties for harassing, injuring or killing vulnerable road users — including cyclists — and a law making it illegal to drive distracted, use a handheld cell phone or text while driving. Both laws which are not in full effect across the state of Kansas.

Another significant attribute to becoming a bicycle-friendly community, according to the League of American Bicyclists,

is providing bicycle education for both motorists and cyclists throughout the state.

Clint McAllister, bicycle specialist at Big Poppi Bicycle Co., said he believes that bicycle education — for both cyclists and motorists — is the most important factor in improving the cycling scene in the Little Apple.

"There's quite a number of rights and responsibilities that cyclists out there aren't aware of," McAllister said. "It all comes down to the fact that these laws or regulations are seldom communicated by authority to those on the road whether it be cyclists or motorists. I think 'bike ed' is an equal responsibility of the city, the university, and businesses that handle bicycles in Manhattan."

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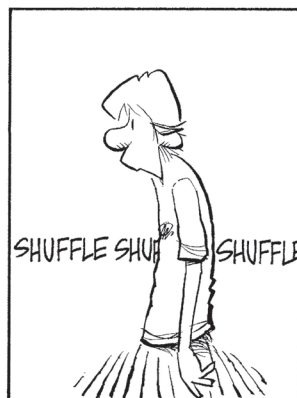
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Tuesday, Feb. 24

**Joshua Michael Eubanks**, of the 3000 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, was booked for burglary. Bond was set at \$5,000.

**Dean Jordan Rightnowar**, of the 1900 block of Morning Glory Drive, was booked for violating protection orders and criminal trespass. No bond was set.

**Antoinette Nedra Denis Hosmer**, of Fort Riley, was booked for battery, disorderly conduct and purchasing alcohol or liquor for a minor. Bond was set at \$2,250.

**Keri Christine Kolbek**, of Las Vegas, was booked for battery, obstruction of the legal process and disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$2,250.

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## Planning ahead key to having stress-free experience while studying abroad

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More and more college students from all over the country are choosing to study abroad. Spending a semester (or even just a couple of weeks) in a foreign country is both exciting and beneficial to your personal development. A growing number of employers see this as a plus because it can suggest your global perspective and awareness.

While some think picking the ideal country to study in is the hardest part of the process, many students overlook the costs of financing the trip. Here are a few tips to help you plan accordingly without having to worry about money.

**Create a budget**

The first course of action is to determine whether or not studying abroad is feasible months in advance. You'll need to obtain an estimate of the total costs of your intended countries you may study in and account for any possible excursions you may take while abroad.

This includes, but is not limited to, passport or visa applications, tuition, books, housing, meals, bottled water, plane and train tickets, transit (i.e. metro or taxi) and souvenirs. You also need to figure out how much you currently have to pay for the trip and how much extra you'll need to save up.

The best solution for this task is creating a budget. Start



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by listing all your monthly sources of income and deducting all your monthly expenses to establish your discretionary balance (the money you have left over). If you are in the red (negative balance), funding this trip might be a difficult task. Don't fret, though, as there are alternative funding strategies. If you are in the black (positive balance), then you are more likely able to finance the trip.

The next step is to set up a "Study Abroad Fund" and contribute monthly to build up the

balance. This fund will be your go-to source of money when abroad. The amount that you can contribute will depend on how much money you have left over to generate on a monthly basis.

Being college students, that leftover amount tends to not be significant. Thankfully, there are alternative sources of funding available to students who plan on study abroad. Scholarships are free money and you should try to obtain as many as possible. Check with

K-State's Study Abroad Department for more details.

A new and popular way of raising funds comes in the form of crowdfunding. You can set up a campaign on sites like indiegogo, kickstarter and gofundme and have access to a community of millions of people that can help raise funds toward your trip.

You also are eligible to receive student loans during your time abroad if you are enrolled at least half time, which can help with the costs of tuition, room and board. For more information, you can visit Student Financial Assistance office. If you still need more money for your trip, don't be afraid to speak to your parents and family for assistance.

All these sources of income are better utilized or obtained if you have a thorough budget drafted that illustrates your financial need and capability. You can use PFC's free spending plan worksheet to help you with this task by going to [k-state.edu/pfc/budgeting](http://k-state.edu/pfc/budgeting).

**Does your debit/credit card work in foreign countries?**

Once you are in the program, have chosen a country to study in and raised all the funds you'll need, you are almost at the finish line of enjoying a financially stress-free trip.

The next step is figuring out if your debit and credit card works in the country you plan

on traveling to and, if so, if you will incur any fees every time you swipe your card.

You can easily check with your bank on this matter and if need be, obtain a card that allows you to do so without any costly fees. Most banks will charge a flat cost for using international ATMs (i.e. \$5) and some will charge a percentage of the withdrawal (i.e. 3 percent). Some credit cards won't have foreign transaction fees, but this only applies to transactions made using the card. Be aware that many places abroad only accept cash and you won't be able to use the card with no foreign transaction fees.

Additionally, it's very important to put a travel notification on each card you may be using abroad, including ones brought for emergencies only. This can be done by call each bank or company and letting them know the dates of travel as well as any countries you will be in. Failure to place a notification can result in your card being frozen due to a suspicion of theft. This can last for days and may only be able to be lifted by a phone call to the bank or company.

**Have an emergency fund**

Lastly, you need to be prepared for any surprises that can financially impact your study abroad experience. You need to have an emergency fund set up that will only be used if something bad happens. Examples include losing your wallet, pick pockets, travel or lodging mix ups or a medical emergency. It never hurts to be prepared and you'll have less things to worry about knowing that you have a back-up plan.

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# Birkenstocks: the trendy shoe that lasts for a lifetime



SONIA KUMAR  
THE COLLEGIAN

You may have seen these peculiar two strap sandals called “Birkenstocks” trending on campus and possibly the fashion realm. How did these become so widely popular?

Well, according to the Birkenstocks website, it all started back in Langenberg, Germany.

In 1896, Konrad Birkenstock developed the special “contoured footbeds” inspired by his shoe-maker grandfather Johann Adam Birkenstock, from whom the name is derived. Konrad took Birkenstocks to another level by creating their arch support into a factory-made commodity. Karl Birkenstock developed the inserts for these shoes, and created the original prototype of the shoe in 1964, according to an article in the Titusville Herald.

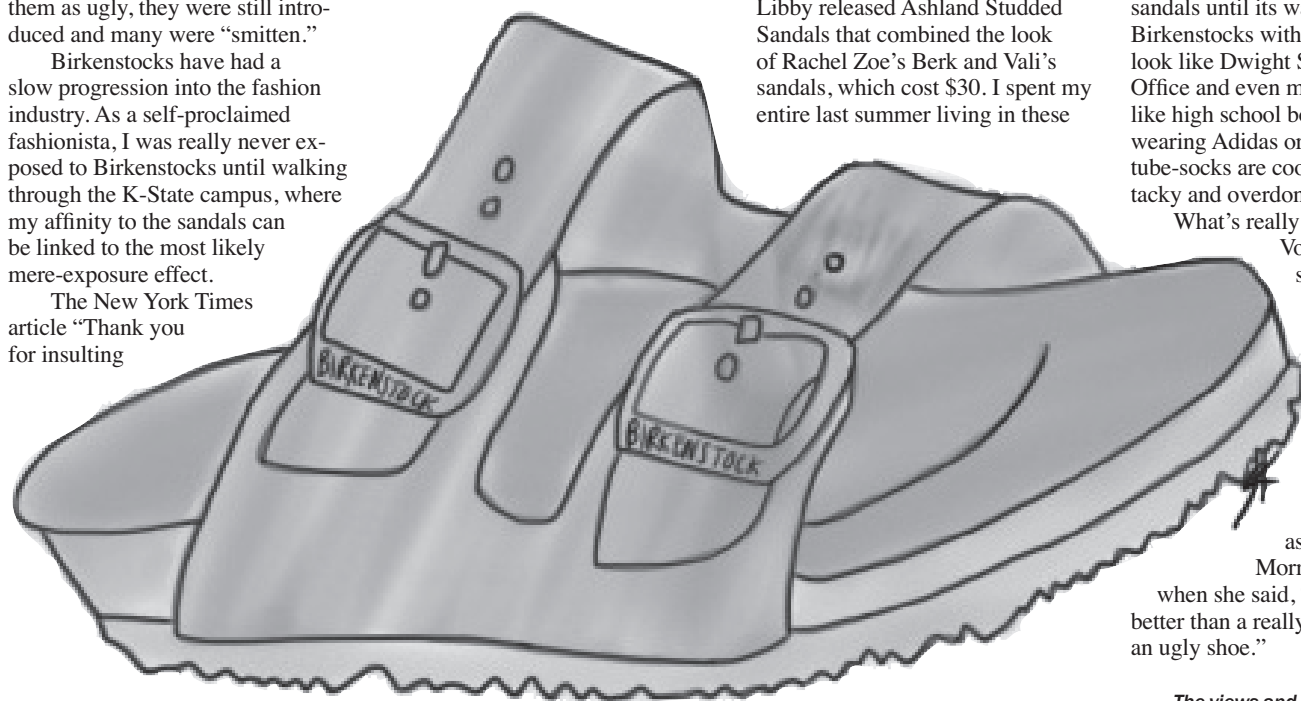
Today, Birkenstocks is headquartered in Germany. The company sells shoes and its notable sandals, which have “contoured” cork and rubber footbeds. These footbeds are unique because they mold to a wearers’ foot. Some insist Birkenstocks are heinous, but they

clearly haven’t tried a pair.

You can thank the shoes’ integration into the American market to Margot Fraser. The German-born Santa Cruz, California native came across these sandals on a trip back to Germany and wanted them in U.S. stores. Although at first many stores felt people would not like these sandals and would perceive them as ugly, they were still introduced and many were “smitten.”

Birkenstocks have had a slow progression into the fashion industry. As a self-proclaimed fashionista, I was really never exposed to Birkenstocks until walking through the K-State campus, where my affinity to the sandals can be linked to the most likely mere-exposure effect.

The New York Times article “Thank you for insulting



Illustrated by Sonia Kumar

our sandals,” helps indicate that Birkenstocks’ popularity has been cascading into American culture for quite some time. Whether it be ex-Lakers coach Phil Jackson wearing a pair from the sideline, the

Olsen twins or Dwight Schrute of the Office who wears Birkenstocks with socks to events and even has an additional pair in his car for “special occasions,” according to the New York Times article.

Birkenstocks are no longer perceived as, “Granola-crunching, Volvo-driving fill-in-the blank

originally “jolie laide,” or “pretty ugly” shoes, according to the Vogue website. The late Giambattista Vali also deserves praise for creating a metallic pair of Birkenstock-inspired sandals with studs on them for \$850 in 2012, according to the Bloomberg Business website.

Even Target jumped on this trend last summer when Sam & Libby released Ashland Studded Sandals that combined the look of Rachel Zoe’s Berk and Vali’s sandals, which cost \$30. I spent my entire last summer living in these

Know that “replica” designs aren’t ripping off the shoe since the shoes are patented to start with, and it’s “practically impossible to copyright a shoe’s shape.”

For those who wear “Birks” already and have an affinity for the shoe and the shape, avoid the socks with shoes trend. There is absolutely no reason to wear sandals until its warm. Wearing Birkenstocks with socks make you look like Dwight Schrute from the Office and even more, they look like high school boys who think wearing Adidas or Nike sandals and tube-socks are cool. Instead it looks tacky and overdone.

What’s really cool is what Vogue offers as a solution to the overdone Birk look: a fresh pedicure and a cute dress or tailored pants (I often prefer baggy trousers to keep the look cool). Fashion assistant Emma Morrison had it right when she said, “There’s nothing better than a really pretty dress with an ugly shoe.”

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stereotype” which the company finds entertaining since it gets more press. Birkenstocks are now cool.

Their coolness can also be thanked to Céline’s creative director Phoebe Philo who introduced a chic, luxe interpretation of these

sandals. On the other hand, Birkenstocks aren’t cheap, and they start at \$100. My suggestion for buying Birkenstocks or Birkenstock-inspired sandals is to invest in a pair that suit your style, whether it be monochromatic, floral or metallic.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

compiled by Chloe Creager

## K-State Salina gets OK to operate small unmanned aircraft systems

K-State Salina reached a milestone in the unmanned aircraft systems industry after becoming the first body in the country to receive approval from the Federal Aviation Administration, or FAA, for statewide access during UAS flight operations, according to a K-State news release.

K-State Salina is now authorized to conduct research anywhere in the state

on public property or on private property with land-owner permission. The Certificates of Authorization are effective for two years.

“These new authorizations are yet another example of how K-State Salina is truly a leader in unmanned aircraft systems,” Kurt Carraway, K-State Salina’s UAS flight operations manager, said in the news release. “Our statewide access will

allow us to continue to provide practical applications of technology to our students and will further develop our research abilities for the university, the FAA and our industry partners.”

The UAS program will use its three new Certificates of Authorization mainly to conduct research on UAS operating and remote sensing requirements in agriculture and emergency response.

## Union’s renovated dining area to host local, national restaurants

The K-State Student Union is encouraging local restaurants to bid on available spaces in the Union after renovations are complete, according to a K-State news release. The six new restaurants will replace the current food court system and the current contract-managed dining operation.

Union leaders have sought feedback from the students through the Union’s

renovation process, and a survey indicated students wanted more local restaurants to be available.

“The students have asked for local restaurant options to complement the national brands we already have,” Bill Smriga, executive director of the Union, said in the news release.

The new dining model is part of the overall renovation project, which will “increase

numbers student organization meeting areas and students lounges, enhance retail and dining space and give the building a better overall flow,” according to the news release.

The renovations and expansion are expected to start in July. The Union will remain open during the remodeling period, although specific areas will be closed while they’re being worked on. Total cost of the renovation is \$25 million.

## Slightly sarcastic horoscopes from Madam LoCoco



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THE COLLEGIAN

### Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

You are the sun at the center of the solar system that is your social life, and your friends are the planets. Or at least, that’s what you think. Beware the Roman Inquisition.

### Aries (March 21 - April 19)

There’s no problem facing you right now that can’t be solved with a little creative energy, a lot of determination and a rent-by-the-hour bulldozer.

### Taurus (April 20 - May 20):

Now may feel like the right time to finally sell all of your earthly possessions and take that road trip across North America to “find yourself.” The stars recommend doing this now, but only because it will always be a terrible idea and you should probably just get it out of your system while you’re young.

### Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Your narcissistic selfie obsession is getting out of control, Gemini. Instead, consider paying a man an obscene amount of money to come to your house and paint a portrait of you surrounded by physical symbols of your wealth and status. Y’know, like the good ol’ days.

### Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Thursday will see you attempt to write an existential equation to measure how you are feeling, but then you realize that your pencil doesn’t exist. You spend Friday lost in the void, shaking, frightened and so, so alone.

### Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Something you very strongly believe to be true reveals itself as party illusionary. Things in general just don’t feel quite right to you lately, but that might just mean that you need to turn off Fox News and go outside.

### Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Don’t wish bad things upon your enemies. Wish bountiful blessings upon everyone else around them instead. Destroy them with slow, gnawing envy.

### Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

The occasional nostalgic indulgence can be a healthy thing, but don’t give in to the delusion that the past was better than it really was. I am looking straight at you, crop top and cabbage-rose-print wearers.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

It really doesn’t seem fair to you that when your neighbor cooks it’s a “home-cooked meal,” but when you try to do the exact same thing it’s “breaking and entering.”

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

The easiest way to solve the most pressing dilemma in your life would be to tackle all the small problems one at a time. However, the most efficient way is to gather all of the small problems together at one location at the same time so that there are no survivors left to ask questions.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You can make nice, or you can make a difference. You can’t always try to do both at the same time

### Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

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POLICE BRIEFS

Compiled by Chloe Creager

Manhattan man arrested for burglary, criminal damage

Riley County Police Department arrested Christopher Futtrell, 21, of Manhattan, at approximately 2:20 a.m. Saturday on charges of burglary, according to Little Apple Post. The victim, Ryan Platt, 35, of Manhattan, had several personal possessions stolen, including a diamond ring and U.S.

currency, with an estimated value loss of \$8,200. Futtrell was also charged with criminal damage to property after damaging an Apple iPhone with an estimated value of \$400. Futtrell was given a bond of \$5,000 and was no longer confined at the time of publication.

Hutchinson teen to stand trial in death of family members

A Hutchinson teenager is facing trial for charges of two counts of first-degree murder, two alternate counts of felony murder, attempted first-degree murder and aggravated arson after a preliminary hearing Monday, according to the Little Apple Post. Samuel Vonachen, 14 when the alleged crimes

occurred on Sept. 26, 2013, is accused of murdering his mother, Karla Jo Vonachen, and sister, Audrey Vonachen, and attempting to murder his father. Samuel Vonachen allegedly set fire to his family home by pouring gas throughout the house and then lighting it. His arraignment will take place next Monday.

K-State shows up Kansas at Sunflower Showdown



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Senior forward **Nino Williams** and other K-State players jubilantly raise their arms as the crowd of K-State fans go wild after Kansas guard **Wayne Selden Jr.** commits a foul in the final seconds of the Wildcats' 70-63 victory over No. 8 Kansas in the 281st Sunflower Showdown on Monday in Bramlage Coliseum.



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Above: Sophomore forward **Wesley Iwundu** shoots over a defender on Monday at Bramlage Coliseum. Iwundu led the team in steals.



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Right: Freshman guard **Tre Harris** celebrates after scoring against Kansas on Monday at Bramlage Coliseum.

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Bottom Right: Senior forward **Nino Williams** drills a jumper off an assist from junior guard **Justin Edwards** to put the 'Cats up 60-54 with six minutes to play in the Wildcats' 70-63 win over the No. 8 Jayhawks at the 281st Sunflower Showdown on Monday in Bramlage Coliseum. Williams contributed 15 points to the victory.



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Above: Senior forward **Thomas Gipson** swings around Kansas forward **Cliff Alexander** and stretches the ball toward the hoop in the second half of the Sunflower Showdown on Monday in Bramlage Coliseum.





# SPRING BREAK 2015



## Spring break styles that will last you through summer

By HATTIE DOOLITTLE  
THE COLLEGIAN

When shopping for spring break, college students want to buy what's in style now. But will some of the trendy clothes bought now be overlooked on your closet hanger by summer? Here is a guide to efficient spring break shopping – what to buy that will be in style both now and throughout the summer.

According to the WGSN Trend Forecasting website, the forecast for pantone colors this season include a variety of light, opaque pastels mixed in with solid bolds. Triangles, summer stripes, filtered florals and gingham are patterns to be on the look out for.

Katherine Polston, instructor of apparel design, said that formal tailoring elements in women's wear will be in style in addition to an updated 1970s vintage look.

"Look for bright colors contrasted with minimal-

ist white, and maintain an emphasis on footwear and accessories as punctuation marks in outfits," Polston said.

For those spring breakers vacationing to the beach, purchasing the latest swimwear can become a necessity. Vintage lovers might want to sport the 1950s modernized look of the high-waisted bottoms matched with a long-line triangle top. Someone going for a more "sporty feel" should purchase a suit with a multi-strap top, mesh inserts or horizontal cut outs.

Blocking and binding is an emerging trend in swimwear for this spring and summer. Color-blocking focuses on female bandeau-styled bikinis comprised of loud, solid colors, outlined in black on a neoprene textile.

Allison Vahling, senior in apparel and textile and president of the Apparel Marketing and Design Alliance, said she is favorable of the latest trend.

"I personally am a fan of the multi-straps and color blocking for swimwear

in particular because summer is a fun, colorful time," Vahling said. "Both of those trends really play to the excitement of summer."

Brands like Triangl, River Island, Victoria's Secret and N.L.P., are popular sources selling the sporty-chic look this season. These brands come with excellent quality, but can be pricey as well.

Triangl, specifically, is an exceptional Australian swimwear line, but ranges in prices \$79-\$89 with an additional standard shipping rate of \$20. Shoppers on a simpler kind of budget should check out aliexpress.com as an alternative. The site sells equally trendy Triangl neoprene swimsuits for a quarter of the price in addition to free shipping.

Spring breakers that plan on going somewhere a little colder should consider dressing comfortable and cozy in layers. Gabrielle Burman, manager at Fortuity, plans on going to Dallas this spring break.

"I plan on wearing a lot of lightweight, oversized

sweaters with shorts, chunky socks and booties during the day," Burman said.

For those vacationing in a colder area, Burman said she recommends wearing blanket scarves, lace-up booties and knee-high socks.

Those who plan on dressing comfortable should consider purchasing garments that contain a loose, yet fitted silhouette. For example, denim knits with wide necklines are perfect for a casual day-look. If you're dressing for a night out, deep-V plunging necklines are also becoming common when incorporated in mini-dresses and jumpsuits. Neutral colored floppy hats are also in style and can be dressed up or dressed down.

So, whenever you shop for spring break this year, keep these trends in mind and dress with confidence and style.

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## Street Talk

compiled by Renee Dick

### Q: "What is your dream vacation destination and why?"



CAITLIN CHAMBERS  
FRESHMAN,  
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"Disney World, because I don't want to grow up. I want to be a kid forever."



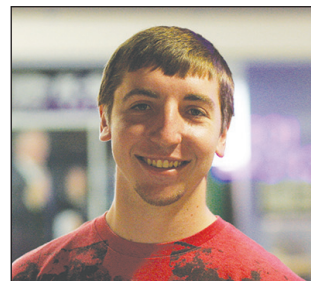
NAIF ALMUSSHER  
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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

"For spring break, I would like to go back home to Saudi Arabia because that's where my family and friends are. But there's no time (with) only one week, so I can't go back."



ELEANOR DICKENS  
JUNIOR,  
POLITICAL SCIENCE AND  
ANTHROPOLOGY

"I would really want to go up to Oregon to visit my great grandma, because that's where all my family lives and I haven't seen them in a while."



RYAN MAY  
SOPHOMORE,  
AGRONOMY

"I'm getting to go to Europe for spring break. I'm spending a couple of days in London, a couple in Paris and several in Barcelona. It's going to be awesome."



ALEX RIVAROLA  
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"I would go to a warm place, something like Central America, Key West or Florida. It's been super cold here and I really need somewhere warm like the beaches."

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# SPRING BREAK 2015



## Cut costs, hit the road for spring break

By HATTIE DOOLITTLE  
THE COLLEGIAN

Spring break can be expensive and also be tricky to plan if you don't start early.

That being said, one way to avoid the chaos of spring break but keep all the fun is to take a road trip. Not only will you have time to get closer to your friends, but a road trip doesn't require paying for a plane ticket in advance. Plus, road trips can take you to places that are a little less crowded.

### Winter Park, Colorado

Winter Park is located in the central Rocky Mountains, 69 miles northwest of Denver. The road trip would be a 559 miles from Manhattan, which would take approximately eight-and-a-half hours with traffic.

Maria Vannicola, sophomore in business administration, said she had one of the best experiences of her life working in Winter Park for four months last summer.

"I have a special spot in my heart for Winter Park," Vannicola said. "From the small mountain town feel to the friendly workers, intermixed with the unique, laid-back attitude, Winter Park is the place to be."

What makes Winter Park a prime location for college spring breakers is its activities and atmosphere. The climate is expected to be cold, so bundle up. The Grand Country Colorado website suggested taking to the slopes by skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling or even dog sledding.

If you plan on taking it easy, there are hot tubs, spas, shopping and plenty of restaurants and bars to choose from. Although all of these activities can add up to a pricey experience, students can make the trip more affordable by splitting the costs of a condo with a group of people.

Vannicola said she thinks road trippers visiting Winter Park should venture out and explore even further. While the town may seem small at a glance, it is only a 30-minute drive to Fraser, Colorado or other small towns nearby. Winter Park also offers a free shuttle service during the day and parts of the night, according to the official Colorado state website.

Vanilla recommends visitors try the local Library Sports Grille and Brewery.

"They have the best fried mac



NICHOLAS CADY | THE COLLEGIAN

It's not too late for students to start planning their dream spring break road trip.

and cheese bites that remind me of KSU," Vannicola said.

For more information about visiting Winter Park, Colorado, visit its website at [winterparkguide.com](http://winterparkguide.com).

### Gulf Shores, Alabama

Road trippers who want to "beach it" over break could visit Gulf Shores, Alabama. With a moderately warm temperature and flow of college students, Gulf Shores is definitely an option for those wanting to spend their spring break near a beach. Gulf Shores is located 1,005 miles from Manhattan, making it a 16-hour drive including traffic and tolls. This could be a strenuous road trip, but worth it if planned accordingly.

Traveling with a larger group of people is recommended to save money on gas and housing, as well as serve as a cushion for breaks on driving time.

Brett Neely, sophomore in sup-

ply chain management, visited Gulf Shores last spring break with his fraternity. He said he likes Gulf Shores because he was able to play Frisbee on the beach with his pledge brothers and a lot of college kids road trip there.

"The weather is very nice and the water isn't very rough," Neely said. "The houses you can stay in are also very comfortable and affordable."

Whether you're renting a house with a group of people, or staying in a condo with a few friends, Gulf Shores has a range of housing for groups big or small. Save money by buying food from the local grocery store and cook it at your house, or dine out a night at The Hangout or Lulu's. Live bands perform at both restaurants, which create unique atmosphere for college spring breakers.

If you don't feel like going to the beach for a couple of hours, go on a dolphin cruise for only \$20.

### Chicago, Illinois

City slickers should road trip to the windy city of Chicago. Amanda Todavchick, sophomore in athletic training, has lived in Chicago her whole life. When traveling to and from Chicago, Todavchick drives with her sister.

"The drive can be boring, but it's not that bad," Todavchick said.

This road trip would be about a 631 miles from Manhattan, which would take about 10 hours with traffic. Todavchick recommends shopping on Michigan Avenue, going to the Navy Pier, visiting art museums, hitting the downtown bars or viewing the famous Chicago bean.

"I think people should visit Chicago because you get to experience the skyscrapers of a big city with a bunch of diverse things to do," Todavchick said.

As Todavchick suggests, Navy Pier is another "must" for road trippers

visiting Chicago. Navy Pier consists of a variety of entertainment, rides, restaurants and shops. Make a stop at Pier Park and take a ride on the 150-foot ferris wheel to be able to see the whole city, as well as Lake Michigan, according to the Choose Chicago travel site. Pier Park also has many smaller rides and according to the travel website.

So, whether you want a trip to the beach or the city or the mountains, there's still time to plan. With road trips, as long as you book some place to stay, the rest can be determined once you arrive. All these locations are drivable; though some are farther than others, there's still always a place to go from Manhattan no matter what you're looking for.

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KELLY IVERSON  
THE COLLEGIAN

Alcohol, swimsuits and beaches: the perfect equations for ... fun? Don't get me wrong; I love spring

## Spring breakers: a week of reckless partying can lead to disaster

break. I spent my freshman year sleeping in sandy sheets in Gulf Shores, Alabama. I spent my sophomore year covered in aloe vera in Panama City, Florida. While skipping out on a junior year spring break trip because I was studying abroad, I found myself jealous of the pictures my friends posted while partying in South Padre Island, Texas.

Although I am not

traveling anywhere warm this year due to a tightly stretched budget, I started thinking about all that went wrong on these previous trips. Students were drinking and driving, binge drinking was the norm and the sun dehydrated everyone on top of that. My friends and I didn't partake in any such activities that were dangerous, but we were constantly surrounded by an accident waiting to

happen.

Regardless of the destination, such problems can arise out of any situation where students are recklessly partying. There are ways, though, to have fun while being safe.

### Binge drinking

As college students, we are not blind to the effects

of binge drinking. Alcohol consumption is considered to be binge drinking by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention when men have five or more drinks on a single occasion or when women have four or more drinks on a single occasion, usually within a couple of hours.

Furthermore, unintentional injuries, sexual as-

sault, domestic violence and alcohol poisoning are just a few of the health and safety problems associated with heavy alcohol consumption, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

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# SAFETY | Don't be a statistic; assign a designated spring break driver

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## Alcohol-related accidents

According to the CDC, one person dies in a motor vehicle crash that involves an alcohol-impaired driver every 51 minutes. These alcohol-related crashes cost the U.S. more than \$59 billion annually. In 2012, 10,322 people were killed due to alcohol-impaired crashes. This number accounted for almost 31 percent of all traffic-related deaths.

Not all alcohol related deaths, though, are caused by car accidents.

University of Southern California student Samuel Levine was only 22 years old when he fell to his death during his spring break of 2013. He was trying to get into his hotel room by climbing outside a restricted area and onto an air conditioning unit. He fell six floors and died of severe head trauma; he also had alcohol in his system, according to KTLA 5. This is just one tragic story of many surrounding the devastating effects binge drinking can have on students' lives.

## Dehydration

Drinking alcohol can cause excessive urination. While we try not to break the seal to keep from having to use the restroom all day (or the ocean), it is seemingly inevitable. Add being out in the sun all day, and students have a recipe for disaster.

Drinking while in the sun is also a dangerous combination for your skin. While many students visit tanning salons before spring break in order to avoid getting too burnt in the unfamiliar sun, many students don't. Drinking more than a glass of wine or a pint of beer can raise your risk of skin cancer, specifically melanoma, according to a recent study

published in the British Journal of Dermatology. Another study suggests that skin becomes more sensitive to the sun while consuming alcoholic beverages.

Regardless of the studies, students are less likely to be aware of their skin while in the sun if they are intoxicated. This could result in less sun screen, more *aloe vera* and lastly, more hangovers.

## Alternatives

One of the most successful things my friends and I did while partying during spring break was to designate a sober driver. Yes, I know it's terribly boring and oftentimes painful for the person who isn't allotted a drop of alcohol. This decision, though, can result in the avoidance of DUI's, accidents and mistakes in general. I find it rather fun to mess with those intoxicated around me. Think of being sober as a chance to remember, at least parts, of your spring break trip.

If you're determined to drink, however, be aware of the amount of alcohol you are consuming. If you are going to a party at another beach house, only bring the amount of alcohol you know you can handle. Split alcohol with the people you are vacationing with. Remember that the less money you spend on alcohol, the more you can use towards excursions like jet skiing or parasailing.

This year, I am traveling to Colorado for spring break. The thought of getting swimsuit ready, driving 19 plus hours to reach the destination and dealing with thousands of drunk students in sand was less than appealing. As a senior, I can tell you that spring break can be one of the best (or worst) weeks of your entire college career. You will only look back fondly if you take the precautions necessary to have a fun, yet safe, spring break trip.

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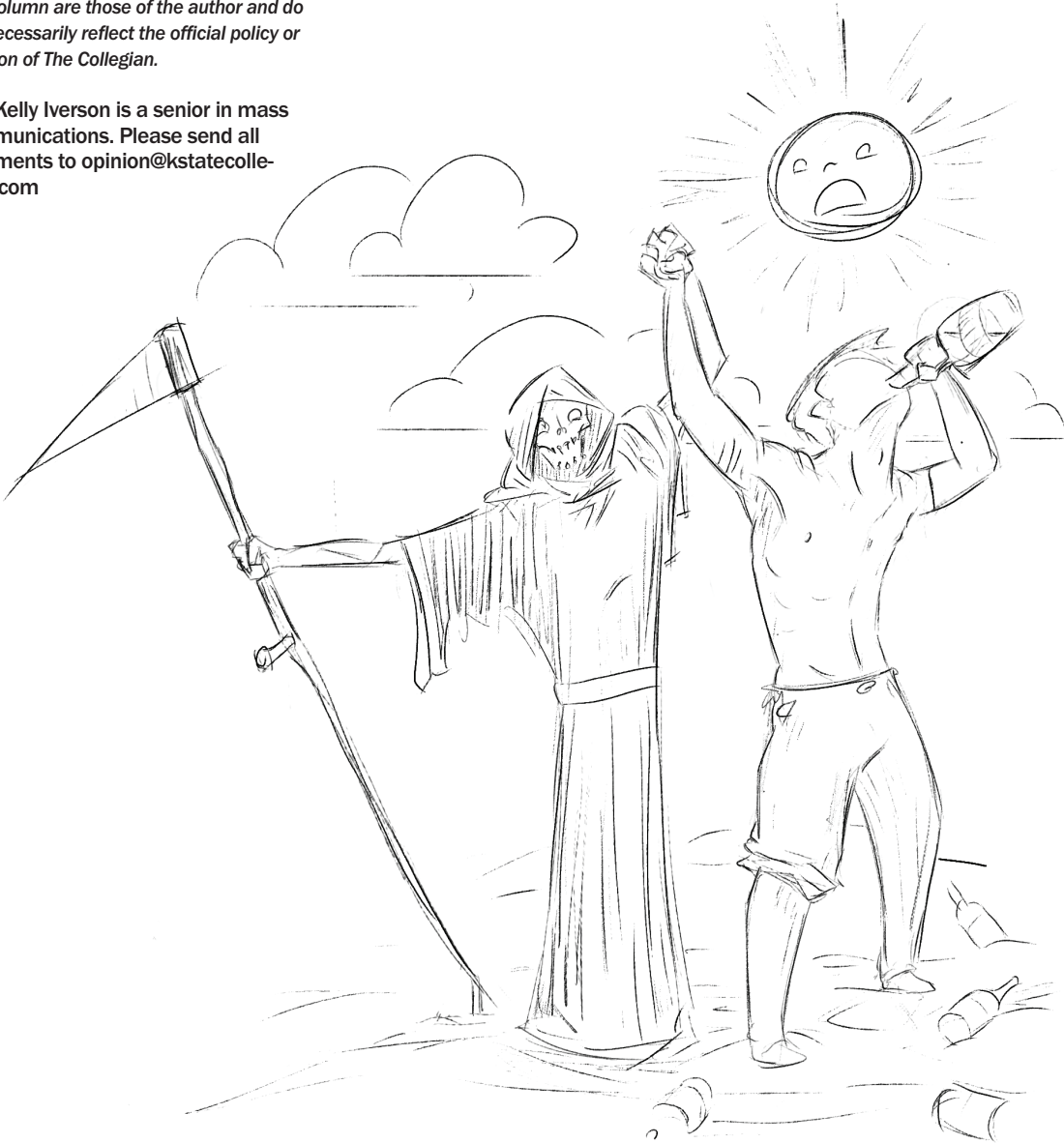


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## Letter to the editor

To whoever hit KU's Jamari Traylor after Monday's win:

I almost wish Traylor had retaliated, because you would have deserved it. Be enthusiastic; don't be an idiot.

Ray Schaefer

## From President Schulz

Dear K-State Students and Fans,

As we celebrate the remarkable victory by our men's basketball team over the University of Kansas on ESPN's Big Monday, we are proud of the determination our student-athletes displayed. Congratulations to coach Bruce Weber and his staff for a tremendous effort that truly reflects the Wildcat Way. The passion and

enthusiasm of our fans also played a huge role in creating a big-time college atmosphere.

Opportunities to be on national broadcasts are not common and serve to shape our national reputation as a top public research university. Athletic Director John Currie and his staff members work extremely hard to provide a world-class fan experience. We ask that you be aware of what the national audience sees and hears on these broadcasts and help us make a great

impression for K-State. This includes avoiding the use of profanity in cheers during the game.

Good reputations are hard won and easily lost. We believe the Wildcat Way is to create a family friendly atmosphere at all of our athletic events. Let's put on the purple and represent our university with pride in all of our upcoming athletic events.

Go Cats!  
**Kirk Schulz**  
President

## From the president's desk



Dear fellow Wildcat enthusiasts,

Some students wait 365 days, while others wait their entire college career for the opportunity to beat our in-state rival KU, in basketball. Last night was a hard-fought victory by our beloved Wildcat basketball team. Coach Bruce Weber and the players are to be commended for their perseverance, effort and sportsmanship. It is always a good day to be a Wildcat; with such a sweet victory, today is even better.

The "Octagon of Doom" was in full force Monday night, from

the Wabash to the Doom banner. Bramlage Coliseum is truly a great atmosphere to play college basketball and one of the best in the country, according to last night's ESPN commentator Brent Musburger. An exceptional environment for college basketball exists at K-State because of our wonderful fans, dedicated athletic department and our tremendous student support. Thank you to the thousands of students that showed up and "Brought the Doom" to help our men's team defeat KU, the No. 8 team in the country.

The student section provided a huge pillar of support for our team and coaches with their passion and enthusiasm. I was in row 20 of section 21, cheering on the Cats with you. As the events of the evening came to a conclusion, I began to think that our students could do better. Coach Bill Snyder continually refers to his number four goal, "Improving ... as a player, person and a student." We can all learn a lesson from Coach Snyder and improve ourselves as students and how we

treat others.

The use of profanities from our student section is not a good representation of the K-State family and who we are. This should stop. When visitors come to K-State, no matter who they are, they should be treated with respect. On Monday night, the visitors to Bramlage Coliseum were not treated like the K-State family is capable of treating others. We should hold ourselves to higher standards. We can do better.

Few times in my life have I been more passionate about being a K-State fan than when we sang our alma mater after Monday night's victory. I encourage you all to join me in preserving and upholding the integrity of the K-State family that we all love and appreciate.

I hope to see you all at Saturday's game to cheer on the Wildcats against Iowa State at 3 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.

Go Cats.  
**Reagan Kays**  
Student Body President

## Letter to the editor

K-State friends,

I was the individual identified as the fan who bumped Jamari Traylor during the court storm following K-State's victory over KU.

I want to take this moment to share a sincere apology in breaking from the Wildcat way and stepping outside what is acceptable in the spirit of the game. Following the basketball game I simply let my emotions get the best of me in all

of the chaos. In my excitement I was not careful of the people I was around.

I am sorry that I made the KU basketball team—Jamari Traylor in particular—feel disrespected. By no means can I change what took place but in the future I will be aware of how emotions can impact good judgment.

Nathan Power

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# National Eating Disorder Awareness Week aims to bring focus increasing issue

By CHLOE CREAGER  
THE COLLEGIAN

The prevalence of eating disorders is increasing; according to Sue Thorn, director of marketing and communications for the Screening for Mental Health, Inc., 32 percent of college women and 25 percent of college men nationwide suffer from an eating disorder.

According to the National Eating Disorder Association, eating disorders are complex conditions that stem from long-term behavioral, biological, psychological and social factors. Sufferers of eating disorders tend to use their control of food to cope with feelings of inadequacy, depres-

sion, anxiety, societal pressures and other negative factors.

There are four primary types of eating disorders according to the association:

1. Anorexia nervosa is an obsession and fear of gaining weight which leads to severe restrictions of caloric intake and weight gain.
2. Bulimia nervosa is characterized by frequent episodes of over eating, followed by weight gain prevention methods — such as vomiting or using laxatives.
3. Binge eating disorder occurs when a person experiences frequent episodes of out-of-control food binges followed by feelings of shame.
4. The final category, eating disorder not otherwise specified, results from having an eating dis-

order that causes significant stress or impairment yet does not meet the criteria for a specific eating disorder.

For students who are struggling with a eating disorder, Lafene Health Center and Counseling Services offer an on-campus team approach to health care. Lafene provides an online anonymous self-screening, offers assessments and can provide necessary medical intervention with their on-staff medical providers and dietitians, while Counseling Services can help identify and offer solutions for underlying causes of an eating disorder.

K-State sophomore J.C.\* began suffering from anorexia nervosa at age 17 when she began training for a marathon.

"It lasted for over a year and a half," J.C. said. "I became weak and sickly looking all the time; my hair even began to fall out. The worst part were the strains it put in my life with my family, friends and boyfriend."

By the end of that year and a half, she had stopped getting her period, decided to stop training for the marathon and turned to her friends for help, who convinced her to see a doctor.

"(The doctor) explained to me that it was important for me to slowly gain back my weight and not try to binge eat to get back to a normal healthy weight," J.C. said. "With the help of my friends and family I'm back to a healthy weight and maintaining it by working out and eating healthy

instead of starving myself. I still remember to indulge occasionally, because no matter what my weight I've learned to be happy with myself because I know that I am beautiful no matter what."

The WellCAT Ambassadors, a campus organization sponsored by Lafene, strive to peer educate students on health and wellness related topics such as alcohol, drugs and healthy habits, according to Dayna Pacht, senior in dietetics and WellCAT Ambassador president.

As a part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, WellCAT Ambassadors are sponsoring "Fit to be Me Week" to promote positive body image. Fit to be Me Week events are scheduled every day this week, and remain-

ing events are as following:

### Wednesday

"Zumba your way to Better Body Image:" 7-8 p.m., Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex

### Thursday

"From Body Hater to Body Celebrator," featuring Amber Krzys: 7-8 p.m., Little Theater, K-State Student Union

### Friday

"Dance Like Everyone is Watching:" 7-8 p.m., Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex, Studio 2

\*This student's name has been changed for confidentiality reasons.

# COURT-STORMING | Currie, Bosco, Kays meet to improve sportsmanship

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Monday's incident, which went viral on social media minutes after it occurred, has sprung national discussion on the safety of court-storming, particularly in college basketball.

"I wasn't nervous for me," Self said after the game.

"There were several students that hit our players. I'm not saying like with a fist, but when you storm the court, you run in, you bump everybody, stuff like that. This has got to stop. I think court-storming is fine, but certainly you can get security to the point where players' safety is not involved

like it is here the last several times."

Self proposed that, at the very least, celebration should be restricted to the center of the court away from the scorer's table where teams shake hands before exiting the court.

"You're asking for big

problems," Self said. "Because somebody's going to hit a player, and the player's going to retaliate, and you're going to have lawsuits and cases, and it's just not right. There's just no place to be unsafe. If you do it, at least do it around center-court; don't do it at the other bench."

Tuesday, Currie met with Student Governing Association President Reagan Kays and Vice President for Student Life Pat Bosco to discuss steps to improve sportsmanship. This included an explicit chant that was heard at Bramlage Coliseum and on TV throughout the course of

the game.

"We are saddened by the insistence of some fans to sully the image of our great institution with audible profane chants," Currie said. "We will continue to work with our student leadership to provide a better example of sportsmanship for our audiences."



Wildcats look for season sweep of Jayhawks



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K-State women's basketball head coach **Jeff Mittie** gives a last minute plan to the team on Dec. 4, 2014 at Bramlage Coliseum.

By **ANDREW HAMMOND**  
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K-State women's basketball head coach Jeff Mittie has quickly learned how much the Sunflower Showdown means to his program and to the university. He was in attendance Monday night as the men's basketball team upset No. 8 Kansas. He stood to the side of the student section, pumped his fists and yelled "Go State!" to the tune of the fight song.

He and his Wildcats make the short trek to Lawrence tonight, eyeing a season sweep of the Jayhawks for the first time since the 2011-12 season.

In the first matchup, K-State stormed back from a nine-point, second-half deficit to beat Kansas 58-52. Since that victory, both teams have struggled with consistency.

The Wildcats carry 4-9 conference record and the Jayhawks are not far behind with a 4-8 record.

K-State's recent form has been especially frustrating for Mittie.

"I think you have to compete," Mittie said after K-State's Feb. 21 loss to Oklahoma. "I think we have to compete harder. We are not winning enough individual things and we are not fighting hard enough. Those things are not acceptable."

Sophomore forward Breanna Lewis struggled against Kansas in the first meeting, but she has since been on a tear and is close to making history on Wednesday. With three blocks, she will tie former K-State forward Marlies Gipson for the school record for most blocks in a season with 86.

Lewis, sophomore guard Kindred Wesemann, and senior guards Ashia Woods and Haley Texada

have been leaders for K-State's offense as of late, but the Wildcats still sit near bottom of the Big 12 standings with an average of 59.4 points a game on 39.4 percent shooting from the field.

Against Oklahoma, K-State failed to reach their season average by shooting 38.6 percent in the nine-point defeat. The Wildcats have particularly gone cold from beyond the arc ever since Wesemann's eight 3-pointer performance against Texas on Feb. 8.

But for Mittie, it's not the 3-point shooting and offensive output that explains the Wildcats struggles. It's the competitiveness of his team.

"What I saw out there was a lot of individual plays where they were whipping us. Kaylon Williams was just whipping us in multiple stretches," Mittie said following the loss to the Sooners. "At halftime, they statistically had more offensive rebounds than we

had defensive rebounds."

This latest edition of the Sunflower Showdown may come down to rebounding as both teams are stacked together in the conference standings in rebounding offense, rebounding defense and rebounding margin. One player of concern for the Wildcats is Kansas forward Chelsea Gardner, who ranks fourth in the conference with 8.1 rebounds per game. Woods is the highest-ranking Wildcat with an average of 6.2 boards per contest.

Speaking of Woods, the Wichita native is playing in her last regular season contest against the Jayhawks. Woods has emerged as one of the top scoring threats for the Wildcats as of late. Her 16-point effort against Oklahoma was the third double-digit scoring effort in K-State's last four games. The senior class members — Texada, Woods and Heidi Brown — are 6-4 in the last 10 contests

against the Jayhawks. The last win in Lawrence came in February of 2014 in an 76-68 victory.

One constant for the Wildcats this season has been their stout defense and ability to create turnovers. Although Oklahoma defeated the Wildcats 73-64, they committed 24 turnovers, including 16 in the first half. Kansas has issues with turnovers this season, ranking near the bottom of the Big 12 with 17.6 turnovers per game, including ranked last with a minus-3.93 turnover margin.

Tonight might not be the last time these two schools see each other in the 2014-15 season. K-State and Kansas met in the 2013-14 Big 12 Conference Tournament, which resulted in a 87-84 overtime Kansas victory.

Each of the last 10 Sunflower Showdown meetings have been decided by 10 points or less.

Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence.

BICYCLE RULES | Many say enhancing bicycle education is most important

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McAllister said that Big Poppi's starts with themselves, as they make sure that anyone who buys a bicycle from them is explicitly informed of the laws, rights and responsibilities on the road.

"As a bicyclist, you are required to stop at a stop sign, yield at a yield sign and give turn signals," McAllister said. "When someone comes in for a bicycle, they don't just buy it and walk out with it. If it's their first time, we instruct them on how to correctly operate the bike and how to handle traffic and what they should and what they shouldn't be doing. Also, depending on what type of rider they may be and what kind of bicycle they're getting, we advise them on things such as whether or not they should usually take the sidewalk or the pavement and which sidewalks in town are permissible to use and which

aren't."

In July 2011, the state of Kansas adopted two new laws concerning bicyclists, first of which is the 3-Foot Passing law, which requires any vehicle attempting to pass up a cyclist on the road to only do so at a distance of 3 feet to either side of the cyclist; preferably on the left since they're usually on the right side of the road.

The other law, which is called the "Dead Red" law, allows the driver of a motorcycle or the rider of a bicycle to proceed through a red signal if the red light has failed to change to green within a reasonable period of time, preferably more than 30 seconds, because the signal has either malfunctioned or has failed to detect the vehicle.

Steven Howard, bicycle specialist at Pathfinder: Outdoors and Bike Specialists in Manhattan, said that as the new laws and regulations are an improvement in how bicy-

clists use the road, there are still a few more things that we can work on. Specifically, there are regulations that can be added to make Manhattan even safer not only for bicyclists, but also for motorists pedestrians as well.

"One of the technical challenges that Manhattan faces is the maintenance of bike lanes across town and the KSU campus; I've witnessed many instances where debris sat for weeks on a bike lane and hadn't been cleaned off," Howard said. "Snow becomes a problem too when it's taken off the road and thrown to the side, totally blocking the dedicated road for cyclists. With that being said, bicyclists should also be allowed to not use the bike lane upon their discretion for reasons including the ones I just mentioned. Some bicyclists would not be able to take the sidewalk or bike lane for their specific commute, and those should be

entitled to get on the road with the traffic and face as little issues as possible."

Howard said he also agreed with McAllister, adding that enhancing bicycle education is the most important factor when it comes to making sure as many people as possible conform with the rules and regulations regarding cyclists.

"I think there's a couple of simple but very effective solutions to any bike problems that we may have around town," Howard said. "First, the city can include questions on bicycle laws in driver's license tests; a small assurance that anyone who gets on the road realizes their rights and responsibilities regarding a bicycle anywhere near them. Second, just like K-State has an Alcohol Edu course that is compulsory for incoming freshmen before enrollment, I feel like as a university we should start thinking about a

'Bicycle Edu' course that is also compulsory. We have a significant number of cyclists around campus and I think this works for the benefit of the general public too. Cyclists can learn more about different dismount and yield zones on campus and where and where not to ride. It can be as small as a 15-minute comprehensive slideshow with some followup questions."

Maj. Donald Stubbings, patrol director for the K-State Police Department, said he believes that as Manhattan grows within the next few years, it will be able to build more tangible infrastructure that will help support the system of laws that govern the relationship between bicyclists and both motorists on the road and pedestrians on sidewalks.

"One of the things we do have in Manhattan here that's helping facilitate the progress towards becoming a better bicycle friendly community

is Bicycle Patrol," Stubbings said. "Other than their job in maintaining safety for the general public, bike officers play a huge role in educating other cyclists on how to correctly operate a bicycle and also bring motorists' attention onto how to better handle driving on the same road as a bicycle."

Stubbings agreed with Howard and McAllister when he said that the first and most integral step is to educate the general public on bicycle rules and safety.

"We try to enforce the laws for cyclists as often as we find violations given the large number of bicyclists on campus and around Manhattan," Stubbings said. "However, as Manhattan and the K-State campus both grow, students and residents of the city will hopefully have more and more education on bicyclists rules, rights and responsibilities and we'll have much better enforcement then."





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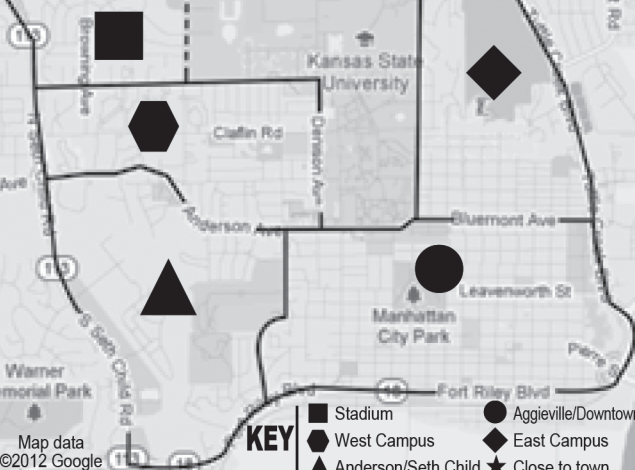
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